

OLC 78-0026

10 January 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 6 January 1978 Meeting Re Title II,  
Intelligence Charter Legislation

25X1 1. On 6 January 1978 members of OLC [redacted] OGC, and representatives of the DDO, OS and OSO met with John Elliff and Pat Norton, of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, to discuss issues relating to Title II of the intelligence charter legislation.

2. The purpose of the meeting was to allow SSCI staff members to meet with representatives of operational elements within the Agency who wanted an opportunity to explain fully to Mr. Elliff how and why they operate the way they do. It was made clear to the SSCI staff attendees that any discussion on the issues was entered into in an unofficial manner and in no way represents or should be construed as representing the official CIA position on the issues.

3. In preparation for the subject meeting, a prior "in-house" meeting was held on 4 January 1978 with representatives from DDO, OS and OSO. Prior to the 4 January 1978 meeting participants were presented with:

a. a MR re the 22 December 1977 meeting regarding Title II held at the Dirksen Senate Office Building with SSCI staff members;

b. a list of questions raised at the 22 December 1977 meeting;

c. a series of unofficial responses to questions submitted by John Elliff on 21 November 1977, which responses formed the basis of the 22 December 1977 meeting (ref: OLC 77-5691, 28 December 1977).

4. Using the list of questions raised at the 22 December 1977 meeting (see paragraph 3(b) of this MR) as the basis of subject meeting, the Office of Security and the Office of SIGINT Operations representatives in turn met separately with Messrs. Elliff and Norton, with representatives of DDO present at both sessions as the common denominator.

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5. Each operational element met with the SSCI staffers for an hour during which time a dialogue covering salient aspects of each element's field operations were discussed.

6. All parties agreed that the exercise was very beneficial and expressed an interest in continuing such dialogues throughout the intelligence charter legislative process. In that regard Mr. Elliff indicated that he hopes to have a new Title II prepared by Friday, 13 January, and would like to get back together with CIA operational elements to discuss the draft language itself and its potential impact on CIA operations.

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